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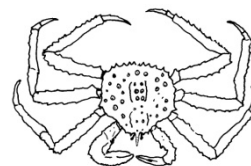
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## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **JUNEAU AREA WINTER PERSONAL USE RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Juneau. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the winter personal use red and blue king crab season in Section 11-A will close at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, February 12, 2012. Returned permits, survey responses, and phone reports indicate the 300 crab allocated to this fishery will be harvested by the time of the closure.

Public participation in the reporting process, phoning in harvest information and responses to the email surveys were a contributing factor in the successful prosecution of this fishery. All fishing gear directed at red and blue king crab in Section 11-A should be removed from the water by the time of the closure. If weather prevents retrieval of gear by the closure time, the gear must be retrieved at the earliest opportunity and any king crab captured must be released. Permits can be returned in person to the Douglas ADFG office or mailed back after the closure and must be returned no later than May 15, 2012. Permit holders who do not return their permits will be ineligible to participate in the next Section 11-A personal use king crab fishery (5AAC 77.015(d)).

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0312

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